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Co-operative Societies

Refusal to register a co-operative society of Digapahandi.

* 290 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on 10th June 1931, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Ganjam district, refused to register a co-operative society of Digapahandi on the ground that there is economic depression; and

(*b*) whether he did so on his own responsibility or in pursuance of any directions issued to him by the Registrar or the Government?

A.—(*a*) No application for the registration of a co-operative society at Digapahandi was received by the Deputy Registrar, Ganjam district, in accordance with rule I of the rules under the Co-operative Societies Act but a petition signed by five persons was received for the organization of a co-operative society. It was rejected by the Deputy Registrar as he considered that there were not enough men capable of managing a society and as the Berhampur District Bank was not in a position to finance any new societies.

(*b*) On the instructions of Government the Registrar has informed the district officers that greater attention should be paid to the rectification and consolidation of the existing societies than the organization of new societies.

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—" Sir, clause (*a*) of my question has not been fully answered. The hon. Member has only given an evasive reply to it. Will he kindly give a direct reply to my question? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" This is all I can say on the matter now. I will call for more information."

Expenditure on the staff connected with the starting of land mortgage banks in the Presidency.

* 291 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the staff so far employed in connexion with the starting of land mortgage banks in the Presidency;

(*b*) what is the total amount spent on the staff including travelling allowances from the date on which the banks were started;

(*c*) how many land mortgage banks were started in the various districts ever since the introduction of the scheme and in what places; what is the amount so far advanced to the ryots under the scheme; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies in the Northern Division is refusing to start land mortgage banks and recommend financial help to them unless the office-holders in the various banks are elected according to his instructions?